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## CRP at 36.4 Million Acres, but First Contracts Expire Soon

- Total CRP enrollment stands at 36.4 million acres according to recent numbers released by USDA's Agricultural Stabilization and Conservation Service.
- The first CRP contracts, covering 2 million acres, will expire on October 1, 1995. Contracts on more than 22 million acres will expire in 1996 and 1997.
- Preliminary results of a 1993 survey show that CRP participants intend to return a large percentage of their CRP acres to crop production after contracts expire.

This issue of **RTD UPDATES** provides statistics for total acreage enrolled in CRP signups 1-12, a timetable for expiring CRP contract acres, and preliminary data on producers' post-contract land use intentions.

Slightly more than 1 million cropland acres were added to the CRP from nearly 2.6 million acres bid by producers in the 12th signup, held June 15-26, 1992. There have been no enrollment opportunities since the 12th signup because Congress did not include money for new enrollment in

either the fiscal year 1993 or 1994 appropriations. This has not affected payments to producers who enrolled land in signups 1-12. It is unknown whether any future enrollment opportunities can be expected.

Tables 1 and 2 provide State-level detail on the number of contracts and acres enrolled, contracts and acres with tree plantings, average rental rates, average erosion reductions, commodity program base acres reduced for the life of the CRP contract, and the timetable for expiring CRP contract acres. Table 3 shows preliminary results for CRP participants' anticipated post-contract land use decisions from a 1993 Soil and Water Conservation Society survey.

Additional CRP statistics and information describing the operation of the program are reported in ERS Statistical Bulletin No. 843, *The Conservation Reserve Program: Enrollment Statistics for Signup Periods 1-11 and Fiscal Years 1990-92*. CRP data are also available from ERS in electronic format.

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### CRP enrollment, signups 1-12

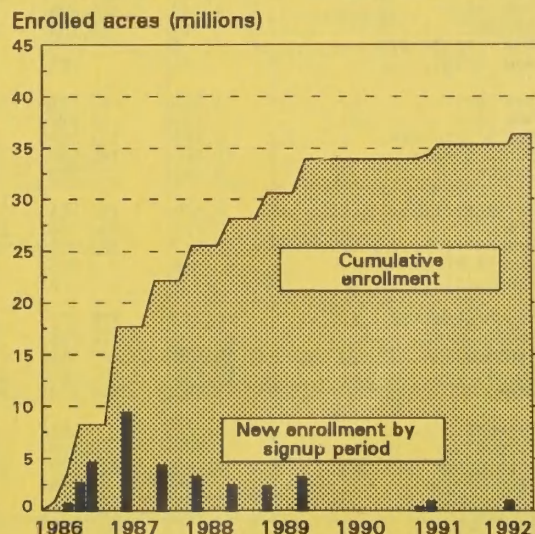




Table 1--Conservation Reserve Program enrollment, signup periods 1-12: March 1986-June 1992

Signup period, region, and State	Number of contracts	Acres enrolled		Acres with tree plantings			Rental rate  (dollars per acre per year, weighted average)	Erosion reduction  (tons per acre per year, wtd average)	Cropland base reduction acres
		Total	Average per contract	Number of contracts	Total	Average per contract			
United States, Total.....	375,205	36,422,733	97.1	63,005	2,487,767	39.5	49.67	19	23,278,085
Signup period									
1 - Mar 1986.....	9,407	753,668	80.1	2,802	107,672	38.4	42.06	26	443,228
2 - May 1986.....	21,520	2,771,660	128.8	3,832	173,954	45.4	44.05	27	1,771,529
3 - Aug 1986.....	34,040	4,703,379	138.2	4,762	228,207	47.9	46.96	25	3,211,176
4 - Feb 1987.....	88,032	9,478,599	107.7	11,508	477,746	41.5	51.19	19	6,023,493
5 - Jul 1987.....	43,711	4,442,719	101.6	5,499	197,776	36.0	48.03	17	2,785,208
6 - Feb 1988.....	42,699	3,375,367	79.1	10,523	396,598	37.7	47.90	18	2,105,357
7 - Jul 1988.....	30,392	2,604,901	85.7	4,925	173,611	35.3	49.71	17	1,658,357
8 - Feb 1989.....	28,779	2,462,382	85.6	5,353	203,705	38.1	51.04	14	1,589,130
9 - Aug 1989.....	34,812	3,329,223	95.6	5,341	220,032	41.2	50.99	14	2,175,943
10 - May 1991.....	8,601	475,179	55.2	2,314	85,119	36.8	53.66	17	277,095
11 - Jul 1991.....	14,730	998,211	67.8	2,569	99,817	38.9	59.37	15	608,846
12 - Jun 1992.....	18,482	1,027,444	55.6	3,577	123,530	34.5	62.98	16	628,721
Region									
Appalachian.....	28,650	1,158,124	40.4	6,957	152,401	21.9	53.97	26	577,831
Corn Belt.....	98,237	5,603,333	57.0	5,711	102,972	18.0	74.26	18	3,136,938
Delta States.....	18,770	1,248,403	66.5	12,309	744,904	60.5	44.28	18	504,934
Lake States.....	56,052	3,008,337	53.7	7,661	135,594	17.7	58.66	15	1,845,327
Mountain.....	21,359	6,687,264	313.1	108	4,757	44.0	39.67	19	4,181,562
Northeast.....	6,102	226,411	37.1	649	10,510	16.2	59.27	13	83,837
Northern Plains.....	76,465	9,664,110	126.4	828	9,814	11.9	46.00	15	6,644,317
Pacific.....	7,055	1,791,182	253.9	110	6,317	57.4	49.55	13	1,209,674
Southeast.....	34,065	1,692,580	49.7	28,440	1,297,565	45.6	42.69	14	795,780
Southern Plains.....	28,450	5,342,989	187.8	232	22,932	98.8	40.19	32	4,297,886
State									
Alabama.....	10,113	573,190	56.7	6,701	311,130	46.4	42.62	17	226,520
Alaska.....	40	25,348	633.7	0	0	0.0	36.62	5	16,509
Arizona.....	0	0	0.0	0	0	0.0	0.00	0	0
Arkansas.....	3,418	260,006	76.1	1,897	150,862	79.5	48.73	14	140,706
California.....	511	187,499	366.9	13	1,572	120.9	48.59	14	96,594
Colorado.....	6,207	1,978,390	318.7	31	642	20.7	41.05	25	1,133,362
Connecticut.....	1	10	10.0	1	10	10.0	50.00	12	10
Delaware.....	30	995	33.2	7	173	24.7	66.00	8	611
Florida.....	2,497	134,860	54.0	2,410	122,967	51.0	41.69	15	50,782
Georgia.....	14,718	706,459	48.0	13,896	645,931	46.5	43.06	13	384,169
Hawaii.....	1	85	85.0	0	0	0.0	80.00	4	0
Idaho.....	3,907	877,059	224.5	49	2,869	58.5	45.70	16	559,679
Illinois.....	19,685	811,926	41.2	1,859	35,580	19.1	77.13	20	478,439
Indiana.....	11,539	462,649	40.1	1,057	18,066	17.1	73.96	15	258,999
Iowa.....	35,667	2,224,834	62.4	1,239	15,957	12.9	82.31	18	1,373,831
Kansas.....	31,020	2,937,863	94.7	160	3,067	19.2	52.82	16	2,161,826
Kentucky.....	8,102	451,317	55.7	188	3,878	20.6	59.31	33	241,661
Louisiana.....	1,785	146,571	82.1	967	79,244	81.9	44.06	12	62,066
Maine.....	941	38,490	40.9	164	2,569	15.7	49.50	7	6,671
Maryland.....	707	20,392	28.8	128	1,853	14.5	72.94	9	10,854
Massachusetts.....	5	32	6.4	1	10	10.0	47.65	7	21
Michigan.....	8,039	332,853	41.4	1,145	17,342	15.1	59.04	10	185,971
Minnesota.....	27,224	1,928,954	70.9	2,395	51,974	21.7	55.44	17	1,293,396
Mississippi.....	13,567	841,826	62.0	9,445	514,798	54.5	42.94	20	302,162
Missouri.....	22,804	1,726,835	75.7	629	20,920	33.3	63.33	19	836,894
Montana.....	7,925	2,854,307	360.2	27	1,238	45.9	37.24	13	1,848,192
Nebraska.....	14,449	1,425,423	98.7	389	4,182	10.8	55.68	22	935,619
Nevada.....	10	3,123	312.3	0	0	0.0	40.00	16	839
New Hampshire.....	0	0	0.0	0	0	0.0	0.00	0	0
New Jersey.....	30	723	24.1	2	27	13.7	52.85	16	184
New Mexico.....	1,518	483,181	318.3	0	0	0.0	37.83	42	393,611
New York.....	1,729	64,498	37.3	226	3,627	16.0	54.76	11	25,872
North Carolina.....	6,497	151,008	23.2	4,327	88,503	20.5	45.71	16	70,620
North Dakota.....	18,520	3,180,569	171.7	151	1,312	8.7	38.36	14	2,118,042
Ohio.....	8,542	377,089	44.1	927	12,450	13.4	71.01	10	188,774
Oklahoma.....	8,688	1,192,504	137.3	50	1,857	37.1	42.48	23	958,041
Oregon.....	2,012	530,766	263.8	54	3,215	59.5	49.06	11	451,571
Pennsylvania.....	2,649	101,078	38.2	120	2,242	18.7	63.11	16	39,597
Puerto Rico.....	8	455	56.9	3	34	11.3	60.36	35	0
Rhode Island.....	0	0	0.0	0	0	0.0	0.00	0	0
South Carolina.....	6,737	278,071	41.3	5,433	217,537	40.0	42.37	13	134,309
South Dakota.....	12,476	2,120,255	169.9	128	1,254	9.8	41.48	10	1,428,829
Tennessee.....	10,830	475,625	43.9	951	30,275	31.8	51.80	23	226,878
Texas.....	19,762	4,150,485	210.0	182	21,075	115.8	39.53	35	3,339,845
Utah.....	997	233,978	234.7	0	0	0.0	40.03	16	120,619
Vermont.....	10	193	19.3	0	0	0.0	50.00	13	17
Virginia.....	3,186	79,556	25.0	1,486	29,713	20.0	52.27	17	38,416
Washington.....	4,483	1,047,029	233.6	40	1,496	37.4	50.28	14	644,999
West Virginia.....	35	618	17.7	5	32	6.4	48.79	11	256
Wisconsin.....	20,789	746,530	35.9	4,121	66,277	16.1	66.79	13	365,960
Wyoming.....	795	257,224	323.6	1	8	8.0	38.43	13	125,260

Source: USDA CRP contract data



Table 2--Timetable for expiration of CRP contracts

Region and State	Year CRP contracts expire							
	1995	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002
	Acres released from contracts							
United States, Total..	2,043,038	13,669,641	8,756,467	5,354,649	4,098,104	475,179	998,211	1,027,444
Region								
Appalachian.....	114,355	512,499	232,405	137,360	61,122	22,120	36,194	42,070
Corn Belt.....	234,901	2,428,994	859,510	734,685	468,923	132,677	352,640	391,006
Delta.....	112,535	423,201	234,564	181,818	133,041	46,996	56,090	60,159
Lake States.....	165,073	1,283,386	569,131	373,026	240,423	69,792	146,768	160,740
Mountain.....	636,343	2,682,745	1,721,103	824,528	572,747	70,304	98,543	80,952
Northeast.....	15,039	64,421	58,705	42,547	21,514	6,855	9,466	7,864
Northern Plains.....	252,727	2,459,807	2,836,264	1,916,531	1,967,142	37,342	106,987	87,310
Pacific.....	144,164	929,854	416,170	115,038	95,524	11,635	45,757	33,040
Southeast.....	151,731	607,765	389,805	304,885	117,026	32,783	37,091	51,495
Southern Plains.....	216,172	2,276,970	1,438,813	724,231	420,642	44,676	108,677	112,809
State								
Alabama.....	71,173	239,603	116,097	72,993	19,664	16,487	14,601	22,574
Alaska.....	1,345	19,228	3,990	138	0	648	0	0
Arizona.....	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Arkansas.....	21,636	72,480	53,395	48,964	28,879	9,144	11,463	14,046
California.....	23,118	101,206	32,509	18,940	7,280	0	4,068	377
Colorado.....	358,777	952,330	322,691	158,965	160,279	1,556	14,157	9,636
Connecticut.....	0	0	10	0	0	0	0	0
Delaware.....	0	155	297	413	119	11	0	0
Florida.....	12,711	39,023	36,625	24,479	10,175	2,338	3,971	5,539
Georgia.....	48,858	213,819	176,741	159,959	63,779	11,396	14,476	17,431
Hawaii.....	85	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Idaho.....	100,735	376,664	174,758	93,116	45,789	19,551	35,521	30,927
Illinois.....	32,088	241,025	116,495	145,948	98,025	28,403	72,505	77,438
Indiana.....	10,922	138,399	67,910	93,289	54,209	14,917	40,551	42,451
Iowa.....	79,923	1,174,361	238,673	282,883	194,319	37,222	100,491	116,963
Kansas.....	104,492	873,592	1,054,646	427,889	401,168	8,812	40,868	26,397
Kentucky.....	43,509	240,348	74,011	40,258	18,673	6,761	10,659	17,098
Louisiana.....	7,111	38,391	34,679	27,642	25,085	4,782	4,524	4,358
Maine.....	2,459	12,049	13,996	7,293	1,426	278	716	273
Maryland.....	488	2,272	3,921	5,132	4,246	1,575	1,808	950
Massachusetts.....	15	10	0	7	0	0	0	0
Michigan.....	7,458	64,865	54,812	44,665	24,505	17,792	41,822	76,934
Minnesota.....	136,007	1,006,881	341,002	220,812	125,970	20,230	48,487	29,565
Mississippi.....	83,787	312,330	146,491	105,212	79,078	33,070	40,103	41,755
Missouri.....	103,124	779,828	392,979	155,044	73,439	32,867	87,992	101,563
Montana.....	50,471	768,760	1,044,571	521,287	335,045	49,168	45,731	39,276
Nebraska.....	74,062	621,451	315,314	191,269	146,834	10,521	36,301	29,672
Nevada.....	0	0	2,073	324	727	0	0	0
New Hampshire.....	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
New Jersey.....	150	84	129	132	165	0	0	62
New Mexico.....	95,696	329,867	37,939	14,880	2,383	29	1,881	506
New York.....	5,860	19,878	16,353	9,052	3,463	3,039	3,213	3,640
North Carolina.....	10,531	51,590	40,631	23,058	11,229	3,103	5,622	5,243
North Dakota.....	39,642	591,632	984,459	794,082	727,385	13,799	18,990	10,581
Ohio.....	8,844	95,381	43,452	57,520	48,932	19,267	51,102	52,590
Oklahoma.....	60,980	463,686	365,116	148,640	117,028	5,647	22,102	9,305
Oregon.....	64,400	326,352	96,329	22,192	7,877	2,736	8,126	2,754
Pennsylvania.....	6,051	29,805	23,999	20,516	12,095	1,952	3,722	2,939
Puerto Rico.....	60	168	152	60	0	15	0	0
Rhode Island.....	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
South Carolina.....	18,989	115,321	60,343	47,454	23,407	2,563	4,043	5,952
South Dakota.....	34,531	373,133	481,846	503,290	691,756	4,210	10,828	20,661
Tennessee.....	55,264	198,485	94,466	57,468	23,670	10,856	18,028	17,388
Texas.....	155,192	1,813,284	1,073,697	575,591	303,613	39,029	86,574	103,504
Utah.....	20,592	149,361	45,944	13,555	2,866	0	1,253	407
Vermont.....	16	168	0	3	0	0	6	0
Virginia.....	4,962	21,852	23,091	16,498	7,535	1,399	1,886	2,333
Washington.....	55,156	482,900	283,190	73,708	80,367	8,236	33,563	29,909
West Virginia.....	89	223	205	78	14	0	0	8
Wisconsin.....	21,608	211,639	173,317	107,549	89,948	31,770	56,459	54,241
Wyoming.....	10,072	105,763	93,128	22,401	25,658	0	0	202

Source: USDA CRP contract data

Table 3--Participants' anticipated post-contract uses of CRP land (preliminary)

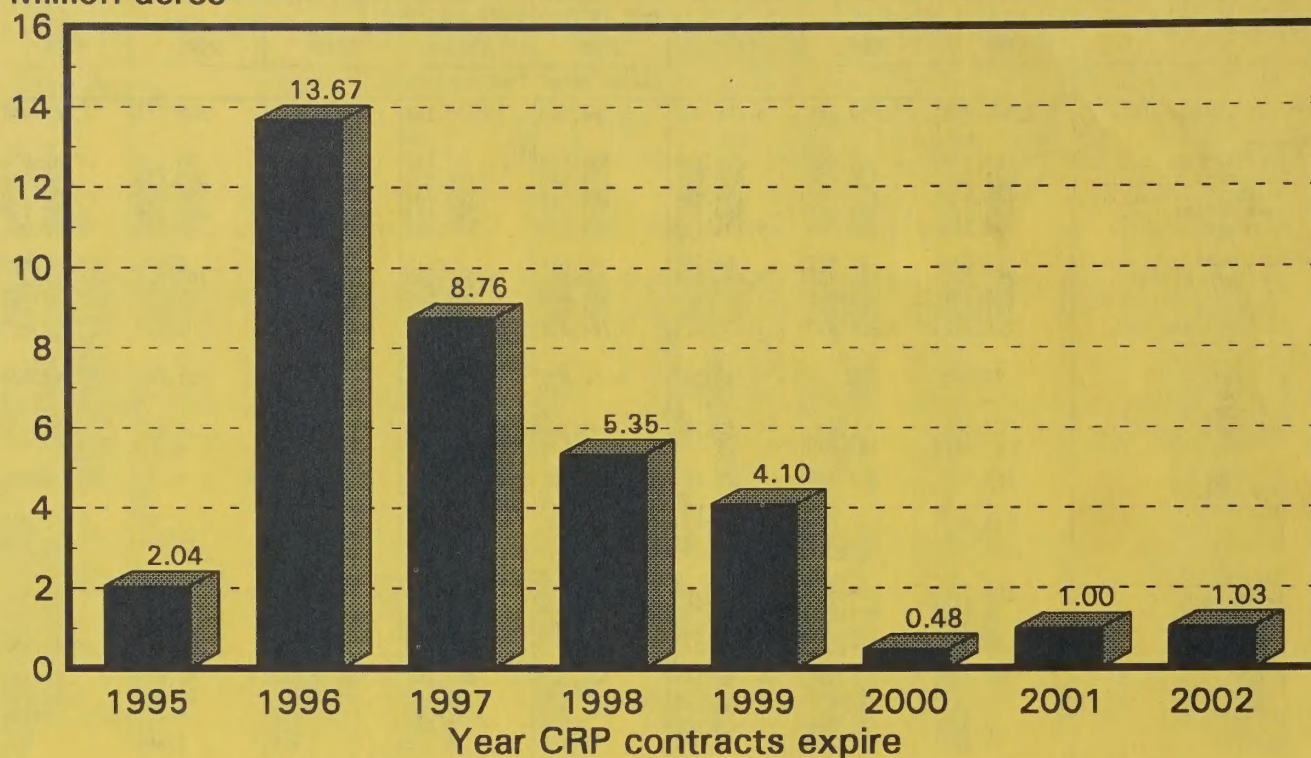
Planned land use	Percent of CRP acres
Plant to a crop	43
Idle to meet annual commodity program set-aside requirements	4
Enroll in 0/92 or 50/92 programs	3
Rent or lease land to other farmers	13
Leave in tree cover for commercial wood products	4
Leave in grass cover for hay production or livestock grazing	23
Leave in grass or tree cover for wildlife/recreation (no grazing, haying, or tree cutting)	2
Leave in grass or tree cover with no specific use planned	3
Sell	3
Other uses or unknown	2
TOTAL	100

Source: Preliminary results from 1993 Soil and Water Conservation Society survey of CRP participants



## CRP contracts covering nearly 14 million acres expire in late 1996

Million acres



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